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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for three-months, up to and including Monday, December 4, 2006 since December 2, 2006 is a Saturday and December 3, 2006 is a Sunday.

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.